

U.S. Bureau Issues Featured

Color Variety Of Polish Stamp

A color variety on a stamp of Poland is reported by Frank Warner, 100 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. It is an unused full gum copy of Scott No. 658, the 60 grozy value of the 1954 set of three in commemoration of the 160th anniversary of the Insurrection of 1794.



The original stamp is in a brown violet. The variety is in a grayish blue.

Mr. Warner advises that a second copy has been sent to Scott Publications for examination and possible listing in the 1957 edition of their catalog.

California Railroads Operate HPO Routes

Three new railroad operated mail carrying routes which involve the use of truck transportation have been revealed through the National Highway Post Office Society. All three are between California communities.

These are — Gerber and Sacramento; Redding and Sacramento; Sacramento and Fresno.

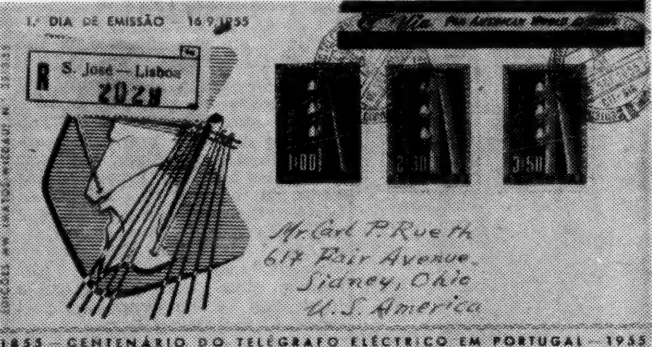
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UN Tenth Anniversary Trio, Souvenir Sheet October 24; To Have F.D. Cover Service

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that the first day of issue of the United Nations 10th Anniversary stamps and souvenir sheet will be October 24.

These commemorates are in the 3c, 4c and 8c denominations and were designed by Claude Bottiau, French member of the International Secretariat of the United Nations. Being commemoratives there will be no additional printing.

Production is by Waterlow and Sons, London, England, in quantities of one million of each denomination. They will be horizontal in format and measure 24mm x 37mm and will be issued in sheets of 50, with marginal inscriptions appearing twice on the left and twice on the right of each sheet.

Printing will be by the steel engraving process. The 3c will be issued in maroon, the 4c in dark green and the 8c in dark grey. The souvenir sheet, which will be printed in 200,000 copies, will comprise the three stamps in their original colors and imperforate, and will be sold at their face value of 15c.

In the case of the souvenir sheet, watermarked paper is being used by the Postal Administration for the first time. The size of the souvenir sheet is 4 1/2 x 3 1/4 inches and thus can be affixed to a standard sized envelope.

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Detailed instructions as to the procedure for obtaining first day cover service in respect of these stamps is given below:

1. First day service is only given at Headquarters, New York, against payment in U. S. dollars.

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The removal occurred some time between 8 and 10 a. m. Friday September 23, just before the exhibition opened for the day.

In this instance there is extreme rarity and value connected with the item for it was one of the several known blocks. The Scott Catalogue lists it as No. C3a and gives it a value of \$20,000. However the most recent sale of a block was at a substantially greater figure.

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WPS Golden Jubilee Bureau Symposium

Two highlights of the Jubilee Exhibition of the Washington Philatelic Society, scheduled to be held in Washington, D. C., October 20 to 23, will be events that are really possible only in that city.

The first, on Bureau Issues Association Day, October 20, will be a symposium in the afternoon at the Shoreham Hotel. This will be a presentation by the heads of the various departments of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing that are involved in the printing and processing of postage and revenue stamps. These officials will deliver short talks on the up-to-the-minute story of stamp manufacture covering all aspects of production. It will be something that has never been done before on such a scale and will make for an auspicious beginning.

The speakers and their subjects will be:
Donald C. Tolson, Administrative Officer—the general picture of the Bureau and its activities.
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This will be a rare opportunity and it is also planned to have a question-and-answer period following these talks so that any obscure points may be cleared up.

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Seals, Cachet For Annual SESCOAL

The Federated Philatelic Clubs of Southern California announce November 4, 5 and 6 as the dates for SESCOAL (Stamp Exhibition for Southern California). This 11th annual show will be held at the Los Angeles Elks Club and will honor the 10th anniversary of the United Nations.

The prospectus may be obtained from Ernest H. Rankin Jr., general chairman, 2552 Loma Vista Dr., Alhambra, Calif. An unusual set of seals in three colors along with a cover with a suitable cachet is being prepared. Covers will be supplied at 10c each, and three for 25c, while the seals are 25c per set of three.

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Red Cross Set Due In November

Finland will have a commemorative stamp release on November 1, a 25 Markka which will note the 50th anniversary of Lahti becoming a city. It pictures the community's town hall.



It was designed by Olavi Vepsäläinen, and engraved by Stig Ronnberg. Printing is one million copies.

November 24 will be the first day of issue for the annual semi-postal set for the benefit of the Red Cross Society. According to Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karlsalle 59B, Orebro, Sweden, this set was postponed from last spring at which time was released the commem for the international exhibition at Helsinki.



Signe Hammarsten Jansson, Finland's foremost stamp artist, adapted the designs from artwork by Albert Edelweid. The engraving is to be done by A. Lauren.

On the 10 markka plus 2 markka is to be seen von Dobeln; 15mk plus 3mk, J. Z. Duncker; 25mk plus 5mk, "young soldier". These are symbolic of the war of 1808-09.

Mr. Bostrom states that Denmark will probably have another two commemoratives before the end of the year. Expected are another value of the "1000 Years of the Kingdom", a 60 ore and probably the last, and one November 11 for the centenary of the death of Soren Kierkegaard.

Seltzer New Director Of Aero Philatelists

Aero Philatelists suffered a loss last July through the death of Oscar R. Lichtenstein, who had served as a director from almost the time of its founding.

At the first meeting since Mr. Lichtenstein's death, the directors of Aero Philatelists elected Herman Seltzer of New York, N. Y. to serve the unexpired term.

Mr. Seltzer, one of Aero Philatelists' founder members, is the president of the All-Boro Stamp Club of New York, and ex-president of the Bronx County Stamp Club, New York. His collection of United States airmail stamps, including the 24c inverted center, has won many awards at stamp exhibitions.

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Dove, Posthorn For Stamp Show

A flag-waving dove and a posthorn figure prominently in the designs of a set of two semipostals the West German postal administration issued September 14 for the opening of the West European Postage Stamp Exhibition.



This affair was situated in the city of Duesseldorf.

One will have to look closely and apply some imagination to pick out the aforementioned dove and posthorn for they are partly abstract in design. Along with the dove can be seen a magnifying glass, on the 10pf plus 2pf green; besides the posthorn on the 20pf plus 3pf red is a stamp tongs.

Otto G. Arnold of Upper Montclair, N.J. who sent copies of the stamps, states that the set had a brisk sale at the temporary post office at the stamp show.

1955 STAMP PROGRAM

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Nov. 18—Teddy Roosevelt 6c, New York, N. Y. (100 per pane).

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1065—Land Grant Colleges 3c, East Lansing, Mich., February 12.

1066—Rotary 8c, Chicago, Ill., February 23.

1067—Armed Forces Reserve 3c, Washington, D. C., May 21.

FA-1—Certified Mail 15c Washington, D. C., June 6.

1068—Stone Face 3c, Franconia, N.H., June 21.

1069—Soo Locks 3c, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., June 28.

1070—Atoms For Peace, 3c Washington, D.C., July 28.

1071—3c Ft. Ticonderoga, Ft. Ticonderoga, N. Y. September 18.

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Oct. 24—UN Day commem.

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Dry Intaglio Production Of U.S. Stamps At The Bureau Of Engraving And Printing

George W. Brett

The issuance of the 8c Liberty, blue and red, series of 1954, constituted the initial incursion of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing into a new field. Still recess printed from intaglio chrome-plated steel plates the stamp was produced on essentially dry paper on both flatbed presses and a pilot-model sheet fed rotary press. The use of dry paper permitted gumming before printing, a factor which served to facilitate manufacture and lower costs. The printing of this first item was so successful that the idea was extended to others with the result that the following stamps have been produced by dry printing on flatbed presses. (Printings by means of the sheet-fed rotary were only performed for the 8c Liberty and have been discontinued so we shall make no further mention of that particular type of press. The press itself and another one like it are now being utilized solely in currency printing experiments.): 8c Liberty, series of 1954; \$1 Wilson, series of 1938; \$2 Federal Duck stamps for both 1954-55 and 1955-56; and the following Canal Zones: 1c Gorgas, 3c Goethals, 50c Blackburn, all of the current regular series, the 6c winged globe air mail of the 1951 issue, and the recent 3c Panama Railroad commemorative of this year.

While the 8c Liberty was the first dry printed stamp to be actually issued the Bureau had been making experimental printings in the "dry" on the new experimental rotary press received in 1950, and it was not to be long before dry printed stamps were rolling off of it too starting with the 3c Lewis and Clark commemorative of 1954.

In some ways the 3c Red Cross of 1952 can be considered the beginning, even though it was printed by the wet method, as it was the first stamp produced on this new experimental press and was accordingly the first to have a new type of electric eye marks, which in both detail of makeup and utilization has been carried onto the plates used for dry printing.

But as to actual printings that are to be considered as of dry character we now have the following from this experimental rotary press: 3c Lewis and Clark, 1954; 2c Jefferson and 5c Monroe sheet stamps, 1954; 20c special delivery, 1954; and the 3c Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, 1955. And this is only the start as the Bureau has five new presses on order, patterned essentially after the experimental rotary press and within a few more months they will have been received and placed in operation. When that is done it is expected that practically all of the new series of ordinaries will be produced by the dry method on the new presses, and in time all will be depending on the rate of scrapping of the old Stickney rotary presses.

For years the Bureau has been operating with 20 large Stickney presses (sheet and booklet plates) and 9 small Stickney presses (vertical and horizontal coil plates). The new presses are roughly twice as fast so that we would expect that only about half the number of new presses will be ultimately required in replacement.

The new stamp varieties that will come about however pose a problem to the U. S. specialist. Presumably most collectors differentiate between perforations, watermarks, and flat and rotary press printings and they have been given separate major numbers in the catalog but, though a considerable number of the dry printed stamps have been issued so far, in only one instance in U. S. issues has there been a comparable wet printed stamp, the \$1 Wilson ordinary, series of 1938. Here the cataloguers have seen fit to assign a sublisting to the "dry" stamp.

So far as we know no action has been taken as yet concerning the several Canal Zone issues. However, as we have indicated, a fair number of additional stamps will be issued by both methods in the U. S., besides more in the Canal Zone, and the question should be considered by each collector as to what he is going to do with them. We can only point out the difference to be looked for, the fact that the wet can be positively separated from the dry, and that in our opinion the real

U. S. specialist is going to have to consider them.

The limited U. S. specialist who collects simply the "different" stamps listed under major catalog numbers presumably will have his problem settled by the cataloguers but he may find it of interest this time to consider the situation as there is always the possibility that something may develop in future dry printings that will change the whole picture once this preliminary period is over that we are now going through.

Before discussing the various criteria that may be found useful in distinguishing between the wet and dry products we might explain the application of the terms "wet" and "dry". By wet intaglio printing from engraved plates we mean the method that has been used for several hundred years which requires dampening the printing paper before it is used in taking up an inked impression from the plate. The wetting serves to soften the paper and facilitates the receipt and retention of the ink from the recessed lines.

A dry paper accordingly is one that has not been thoroughly dampened; however it has some moisture because otherwise it would be brittle and useless—and for the same reason the paper on which this article is printed actually has some moisture in it but it would nevertheless be considered a "dry" paper.

To get comparable results from an essentially dry paper greater pressure is required in printing but a finer and cleaner product results on the fast presses which are necessary to supply enough stamps to the U. S. consumer within reasonable costs. (To get the finest possible engraved impression it is still necessary to do it manually but in these days of mass production such manual operations are strictly limited to the taking of proofs.)

Criteria useful for differentiating U. S. wet-printed engraved stamps from dry-printed stamps.

Flatbed Press product: — There is a difference in the thickness of the paper (without gum) as used for wet printings as against dry; wet, .0030-.0034 inches; dry, .0039-.0042 inches (these are the minimum and maximum tolerance limits). From this it can be seen that if one has a paper gauge the thickness is a fairly positive criterion. Some folks may be able to tell the difference by the feel, the stiffness, snap, etc. without needing a gauge.

The grain of the paper is also something that should be watched — this is sometimes called the "machine direction". It can be different between dry and wet stamps, for example, as it has been for the Canal Zone and the duck stamps, or it may be the same as it was for the \$1 U. S. There are all kinds of tests for determining grain direction, such as tearing, curling, etc. or you can simply use a magnifying glass.

Another thing to notice relative to paper is the shine on the printing side. Due to the much greater pressures of dry printing you will readily see a sheen on the dry stamps whereas the wet product is relatively dull.

Color of the dry stamps will probably differ from the wet also because of the use of different formulae since drying inks are used in dry printing. The use of the different ingredients also seems to give a bit of shine to the ink of the dry printed stamp.

Any tint to the paper however is not a useful criterion between wet and dry; lack of or presence of plate wiping marks the same.

The gum is another useful criterion. On wet printed stamps it has been applied after printing and is usually somewhat yel-

lowish, has a smooth appearance, is fairly thick and may show grooves. The dry printings have used pregummed paper having a relatively colorless gum which under close inspection is seen to be somewhat rough in detail. This gum too appears to be a thinner and there is never a sign or a groove.

The plates for U. S. dry printings have been specially made and separately used so that thus far the numbers are a definite criterion; this is not true for the Canal Zone printings however where the same plates have been used for both wet and dry printings. Here differences in the overall size of the stamp design can be brought into use to help.

Some other points may be found useful individually such as general appearance or some consistent difference in the margins between stamps and some new points not mentioned may develop later.

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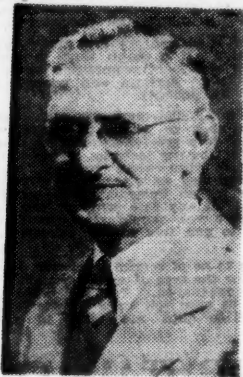
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There Ought To Be A Law . . .

Yes, there ought to be a law which would prohibit anyone from offering anything for sale at several times what it is actually worth and accepting payment for it, if payment is tendered by any person unfamiliar with the actual value of the material offered. For example



GEORGE W. LINN

if a stamp dealer sends out on approval a small pack of stamps to a young child and prices them at from five to ten times as much as they are worth, that dealer is just as much a holdup man, or a highwayman, as is he who holds up anyone on a public highway at the point of a gun and takes his purse. In fact, I would have more respect for the highwayman than for the dealer who robs young children in the manner I have just described.

Bear in mind, I am not against honest dealing in any form, I will even go so far as to admit that I would not wholly condemn unsolicited approvals provided of course that the offerings made were honest and honorable. In such an instance, they might be the means of making a new stamp collector and I would consider that a worthy objective.

But when the United States mails are left open to highwaymen who prey on young and inexperienced children, I think it is time to object. I feel that there should be a way whereby the various big magazines of the country, such as Popular Mechanics and other publications that cater to stamp advertising, should employ the services of someone who knows something about stamp values and that they should insist on seeing what is being offered through their papers so that they would know that the offers were honest and decent value for the money asked. These big publications which are the hunting ground for a number of unscrupulous dealers who patronize them almost exclusively, should be alerted to the kind of business they are helping promote.

On the other hand, all honorable dealers who cater greatly to the child trade should make an effort to ferret out these persons who are working through our U. S. mails and stop them from their acts of burglary and hold-up tactics. Certainly, the reputable dealers who try to give a fair value for the money can not compete with these buzzards who believe in picking a corpse clean and letting them go back to playing marbles instead of collecting stamps.

There is not a publisher of any stamp paper who does not know these facts as well as we do, yet none of them ever protest them. Are they fearful of the loss of a few lines of classified advertising? Or have they no thought for the good of our hobby and for ordinary common decency?

The above is brought out due to the receipt of a letter with samples which comes from the head of a big machinery and chemical corporation in New Hampshire. This is but one of many similar letters we receive every year, yet the practice continues because no one pays any attention to it. It is a disgrace to every honest stamp dealer in the world, yet none of them ever seem to care a hoot. After quoting this letter I am going to analyze what was sent in the unsolicited approval lot which is referred to.

Concord, New Hampshire
88 Pleasant Street
September 9, 1955

Mr. George W. Linn
Senior Editor, Linn's Weekly Stamp News
Howey-in-the-Hills, Florida

Dear Mr. Linn:
With many others, I have followed your various and sundry editorials for years, among which are those criticizing malpractices in the stamp trade. There have been, and will continue to be, the same type of editorial criticism in the "Stamp Wholesaler". From what I have seen over twenty-five years, these criticisms are fully justified.

At the bottom of this letter are three addresses, not including Stamp Wholesaler each of whom had mailings sent to my home yesterday. I am enclosing these for your inspection.

The first one involves unsolicited approvals sent to my young son. Would you please look at the kind of awful junk that is offered to youngsters like my son — take the Canada collection, for example. It is priced at 21 cents and consists of only seven stamps of the most common variety which are obviously obtained at the rate of ten for one cent. Please note the condition of the stamps, such as straight edges, creases, and stamps with cut perforations. The other selections are of the same character, consisting of the worst possible type of stamp at the rate of three cents a stamp. You might also note that not even a postpaid envelope was enclosed with which to return the unsolicited approvals.

The second enclosure is a form letter from M— H— in which it is announced that a letter was sent to me before and that this is the second letter — this letter now announces that I am to be given "absolutely free" one dollar's worth of stamps — no obligation. This is stated in the same paragraph as "We want to prove that you can get something for nothing". I am quite sure that no reply to this letter will mean that another form letter very much like the third enclosure from S— L— will be forthcoming a month from now. You will note that this form letter says that they have written twice before and "Now we are writing to make our last offer of two dollars' worth of free stamps"! Incidentally, I have received these from other companies — apparently a great campaign is going on in the midwest with these form letters.

As you know in conducting a good-sized business, and as I do in managing this business, the "something for nothing" philosophy is very thin ice and certainly somewhat unethical from a standpoint of getting ignorant children to pay outrageous prices. Can you see why, if children do get into this kind of thing, they become very bitter and disillusioned in a couple of years when they wake up? At that point, of course, the hobby of stamp-collecting is thrown out the window, probably forever. I have been through this myself when I was quite young and I remember how I felt — from the looks of things, it is much worse today. No wonder the complaints are going up all over the country in the form of protests against practices such as the three examples enclosed.

Incidentally, I do not care if you throw the enclosed so-called approvals in the wastepaper basket — I was going to do the same thing, anyway.

Chances are you are aware of practices such as the enclosed examples; if not, I thought you might be interested. Good luck in your continued efforts to clean up what could be a very nice hobby.

Sincerely yours,
Philip D. Bell

can be permitted to practice their profession through the U. S. mails. It is an outrage that should be stopped; use of the mails should be forbidden to people who overcharge and ask for several times the value of any item, and especially when sent to inexperienced children who perhaps have faith that the people they are dealing with might be honest and decent rather than robbers working through the U. S. mails.

In the third paragraph of the above letter you will note reference to unsolicited approvals. "—take the Canada collection, for example. It is priced at 21c and consists of only seven stamps of the most common variety which are obviously obtained at the rate of ten for one cent."

The seven stamps in this packet are as follows. Scott Numbers 252—.02; 254—.02; 284—.02; 286—.02; 287—.02; 305—.04; 306—.04. Total catalog value 18 cents. The lot is priced at 21c. Each of these is offered in a wholesale advertisement in the September 10, Stamp Wholesaler at the rate of 5c per 10 copies. Thus even in lots of ten sets, the stamps can be bought for 3½c per set. The price is 21 cents. Bear in mind however that if these stamps were purchased in lots of 500 or 1000 it is a fact that most of them could be bought at the rate of a dollar per thousand stamps, making perhaps a cost of less than one cent per set, yet they are priced at 21c.

Besides the Canada, there is a set of eight from Argentina. These are Scott numbers, 328, 419, 427, 438, 547, 602, O44 and O45. Total catalog value 18c. These too are priced at 21c and could perhaps be obtained in large volume at about one cent per set. There is also a lot of those 1941 to '47 cheap Brazil which hardly anyone ever looks at twice and which are of lesser interest or desirability than the above two mentioned lots and which no stamp dealer would ever try to sort for classification as they are so worthless. These eight Brazil, cataloguing perhaps 18 to 20 cents at the most are priced at 19c. Last but not least we have a set of seven Belgium Parcel Post stamps, Scott numbers O282, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 290, total catalog value all the way to 56c for which the small sum of 41c is charged. These at the best perhaps have a wholesale price of close to 5c per set, maybe less. Here we have four lots which cost perhaps 7c to 10c at the outside for which the generous dealer is asking a child who knows nothing about stamp values to pay \$1.00. Surely this is little better than larceny or grand theft.

The other two letters referred to in the letter we quote are the ordinary high pressure letters that stamp dealers of this class use to try to coax an extra dollar out of the children. You will note our informant has sent me the approval selection and tells me to throw it in the waste paper basket, but you can see how I have used it. He will doubtless be deviled by the sender to return the valuable selection they sent him and if not he will be threatened with all kinds of trouble.

If everyone who receives this kind of trash in the mail would do as this man has done or suggests that I do, the practice could be cured. It is against U. S. Postal Laws to conduct business in this manner, but no effort is made to enforce the laws.

As we said before, we would not object to the sending of unsolicited approvals through the mails if honest value were offered, but when a burglar tries to work through the mails, we think he should be stopped.

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Poor Postal Service Hurts Mail Auction

Poor service on the part of the post office has put an eastern auction firm on the spot. Leonard T. Salmon, 18 E. Mt. Pleasant Ave., Livingston, N. J. offered his 24th auction sale in the September 12 edition of Linn's.

This is the paper which was printed and mailed in the week having Labor Day. For some reason mail bags containing the September 12 Linn's were held up in one of the mail terminals serving New York, New Jersey and parts of New England.

This delayed readers' opportunity of scanning the auction and making their bids. In order to accommodate such persons Mr. Salmon advises that any bids postmarked as late as midnight October 5 will be accepted.

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BY CARL P. RUETH

Learned a rather interesting thing this past week. Sidney Isaacs, special assistant attorney general of the State of Ohio and a subscriber of Linn's, passed it on to me during a visit to our office. It has to do with certified mail. Some months ago when this new postal service was inaugurated a rather full scale resume of what it was and how it could be used was printed in this column. Samuel L. Devine, representative to the Ohio Assembly from Franklin County, used that information to revise the wording of Ohio Law.

As some of you might know a definite proof of the delivery of mail was accepted in court as a fact when it had been transmitted registered. Wherever the wording "registered mail" occurred on the statute books they were amended to contain the words "certified mail". Thus certified mail now gets legal recognition in Ohio.

This was introduced to the legislature as an emergency measure, passed, and became effective at once.

Nice to know how well we get around.

1. In what year did President Warren G. Harding first appear on a postage stamp?

2. In what year did Martha Washington first appear on a postage stamp?

I would say the Post Office Department can feel it has done a good job with the Fort Ticonderoga commem. It has a nice color and the design is such that you don't need a magnifying glass to read the picture or its significance. The approach is fresh, and the artwork refreshing.

Hope this condition lasts — that the designing is placed in the hands of a qualified artist divorced from the inanities of pressure groups.

Canada, as I reported on page one a few weeks ago, and the United Nations are two examples of the appropriate artistic approach to stamp designing. While all their issues aren't masterpieces, a greater percentage of them are than if some amateur artist prepared a design as for many past USA stickers.

In Europe, of course, stamp designing in most places is considered a very serious thing and the postal administrations use only the best designers and engravers available.

The 22c denomination of the Presidential series was withdrawn from sale at the Philatelic Agency September 9. I believe this is the second value exhausted, the other being the \$2 Harding.

If you haven't gotten your share of the Presidents while they are now obtainable at face value it's your own fault if you have to pay a premium for them later.

Wonder what brought on the selling of packets of mint blocks and singles at face plus postage by the Philatelic Agency. You will find a news item in another part of this Linn's.

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The next four editions of a special nature are as follows: —
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Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

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ent commems with a total of 97c face to which is added postage of 3c for a total of \$1.

As I get it, one does not suggest what he would like to have in these but must accept them as made up. It seems that they will make an acceptable remembrance for any stamp collector — birthday, Christmas and the like. Should also be a souvenir which can be bought on a trip to Washington.

Mention of the fact that I will be in New York for the 7th ASDA National Postage Stamp Show November 18 to 20 has inspired two readers to ask whether I could perform special chores in connection with the first day of issue of the 6c Teddy Roosevelt of the Liberty Series. The stamp will have its first day there November 18.

Sorry, but it is not possible to do anything like that, even for myself. Once the Armory doors open at 10 a.m. on Friday the 18th there will be no breathing spell until the doors are closed Sunday evening the 20th at 8 p.m. Those people visiting the armory come in droves and play philately for keeps.

Might suggest that you do not send any mail to me or Linn's Weekly care of our booth. It is never delivered during the show regardless of whether it is special delivery or what. It usually gets to me about a week or so after we are back in Sidney.

Some promotion is afoot to have a commemorative issued for the 100th anniversary of the birth of Nikola Tesla. Tesla was born in 1856 and died in 1943. He was considered one of the greatest electrical engineers of all time.

Tesla was born in Yugoslavia and later became a United States citizen.

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Rather disappointed that our Post Office Department hasn't planned a commemorative for the 10th anniversary of the United Nations. There are few events which would rate a stamp for such a short period, but an exception here would certainly be appropriate.

The UN had its birth in the United States, and the headquarters are located in New York City. The anniversary date is October 24.

Collectors of stamps pertaining to the UN should have plenty of material for their albums for the UN itself will have three plus a souvenir sheet. A number of nations have announced intentions to produce singles or sets.

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HOUSING PLATE BLOCKS

Collectors of plate numbers spend a lot of time, money and effort to assemble and amass their collections. It is therefore under standable why many give much thought to the best way of mounting them in albums. The word "best" is a big word here, for it varies considerably among different collectors. Each, according to his own views, has to take many things into consideration. Sometimes it may be a question of cost, and other times it may be a question of availability of materials. The above are still not the main issues involved.

Let's see if we can bring out into the open the principle features collectors desire in housing their plate block collections.
 1-The size of the album, in length and width, and even thickness.
 2-The type of pages to be used, thick, thin, color, and with or without interleavings between pages.
 3-The quality of the material. The pages are desired to be of good quality stock, not so thick they would contribute to the bulkiness of the album, and not so thin they would be too flexible and give way to the weight of the plate blocks when mounted. The quality of the stock should be good enough to last many years without losing its original color as cheap pages are prone to do with age.

4-From the standpoint of the average collector the price of the pages should be within reasonable limits so as not to approach the cost, or the premium of the plate blocks.
 5-For the plate blocks themselves there is the question whether they be mounted within acetate transparent tubing, or other similar containers, or they be mounted with hinges directly to the sheet.
 6-Finally the arrangement of the plate blocks themselves to give each collector the most desirable and attractive effect.

The thrill is great to many collectors in the hot pursuit of different plate numbers and positions. To many others the thrill and pleasure is not completely consummated until these plate blocks are finally mounted into the albums of their owners. Just like so many of us take great pleasure and delight in beautifying our homes, so it is with the plate block collector whose pleasure is completed when his collection is mounted in the manner he finds both worthy for his own viewing as well as displaying to friends and at exhibitions.

It is for that reason that mounting your collection should not be undertaken lightly. I think the comparison would fit here very well if I were to draw the parallel for the album of your plate block collection to the home you live in. When you move into your new home it takes a while until you get yourself soundly established with all your furniture and furnishings, and you make a lot of deliberation before deciding that that is the place you would like to stay and live in.

With your plate block collection there is a striking similarity for if you have a collection of a number of years, it takes a long time to mount it in albums, for it may require more than one volume. Don't just choose any type of an album, nor any kind of a simple arrangement to mount them. If you will be too hasty in deciding the best way in a short time it will begin to aggravate you more and more to change.

Then the change of manner and method may be not only costly in money, but a lot more in time, for to undo a job of a large collection can become fairly monotonous and lead to disgust long before you are through making it. Therefore it cannot be emphasized too strongly, the need for long and careful deliberation before deciding how and

in what way you wish to mount your plate block collection.

On this subject we find the same three groups of plate block collectors being affected in the same way as in the building of their collections. By that I mean as follows: The collector who saves just one plate block of each issue has the least trouble in mounting. It is for these, in the best interests of uniformity, that I would suggest they should try to obtain the one plate block of each stamp in the same position. These collectors can still mount a minimum of four, or more, plate blocks on a single page, without detracting from the appearance of the sheet.

The next group is those who collect one matched plate, or four matched plate blocks, of each issue. These can be mounted on one page, regardless of the size of the stamp and whether it's in a horizontal or vertical format.

The most advanced specialist, who has the biggest job in assembling his plate blocks, is the one who tries to obtain all numbers and all positions. This collector will find his smallest set to be a minimum of eight plate blocks, with many sets being sixteen or twenty-four, and occasionally issues that may have 32 or many more plate blocks for the one set.

Here the problem may be complex and of considerable concern, for the collector tries to think how he can have the most matched plate block sets mounted in the fewest number of pages, without crowding them together too much.

(To Be Continued)

Czech Sets Show Youths, Costumes

Copies of recent stamp issues of the past couple of months have been submitted by the Czechoslovakian Postal Administration. A single was released July 20 to mark the Fifth Festival of Youth and Students in Warsaw.



In the design of this 60 halerus blue is Picasso's dove, and a Czech girl and far eastern boy. It was designed by Jan Cerny; the engraving is the work of Ladislav Jirka.



On July 25 came a set of four intended to inspire the citizenry to greater creative power. They will have a lot of appeal to those topically collecting clothing and national costumes, and those with a taste for attractive stamps.

National costumes pictured are 60h, a girl of Ocova, Slovakia; 75h, a man of Detva, Slovakia; 1.60Kcs, a man of Chodsko, Bohemia, 2Kcs, a girl of Hana, Moravia. All are in three colors.

Karel Svolinsky conceived these designs, Jindra Schmidt engraved them. Printing was in sheets of ten at the Post Office Printery in Prague.

DRY PRINTING (Continued from page 3)

press) .0030-.0034 inches; dry (Experimental press) .0037-.0041 inches. The grain of the paper on the rotaries will not be useful as it is lengthwise of the web in all cases. The printing surface however for the dry stamp will again be shiny as for the flatbed product.

Again on the rotaries we have the similar possible differences in ink and color. When it comes to the general appearance or tone, the dry printed rotary stamp is perhaps more outstanding and the difference is such as to be

quite noticeable. Here the tint of the paper enters in also, the dry stamp being whiter and the appearance of plate wipe markings rather scarce while on the Stickney product a tinted paper and wavy plate wiping lines are quite common.

The same gum is used on both presses and is applied after printing. The only difference here is that the Stickney product (wet) will usually show ridges or grooves in the gum while the experimental press product shows only a rough sort of lineation and a somewhat ripply finish.

The experimental press requires different plates than the Stickneys and therefore the numbers are always different. Too, these plates for dry printing have been laid out with a different width of margin between stamps and this may be sometimes useful.

A much more easily noted difference however is the different arrangement of electric eye marks. The plates used for wet printings have what is known as the Type III convertible with bars in the left side sheet margin and a margin line between panes in the right side sheet margin.

The plates used for dry printings have the Type V marks which have the bars in the right outside margin of the sheet and no markings in the left margin. In detail if you will examine the markings of one type and compare with the other you will see the Type V marks, including the central dashes, are made up of cross-hatched lines, while the Type III convertible is made up of simply one set of parallel lines. This makes for an excellent means of differentiation besides the plate numbers.

We could mention a few other minor points but these should be sufficient to see the possibilities.

Now, all this should indicate that Mr. Average Collector, if he is going to look out for these differences, is going to have to sharpen up his power of observation a bit and perhaps develop the use of some new techniques that he has not heretofore used. We might suggest that if a collector wants to come to a quick decision on whether he wants to consider this wet and dry business further that he take a look at the current 2c Jefferson side-wise coil (Stickney press, wet printed) alongside the 2c Jefferson sheet (Experimental press, dry printed) and not the different character of the work, but ignoring the difference in size.

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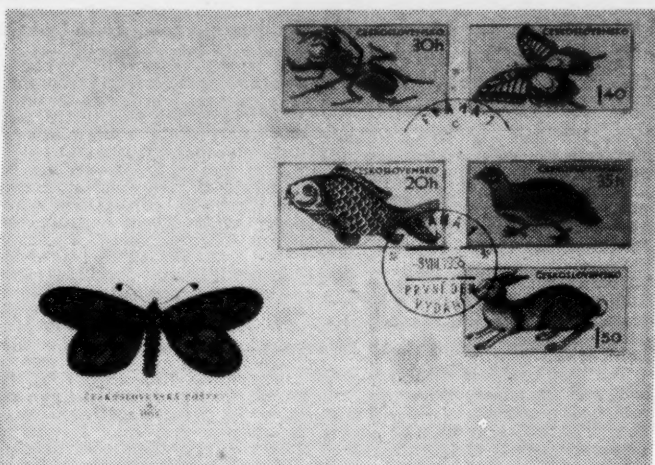
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William Penn was the leader of the Quakers or Friends, which was one of the many new sects of the 17th century. Hostility developed toward them in the Old World for several reasons. Among the more important are the following: 1. They thought it wrong to take an oath. 2. They refused to swear allegiance to the King. 3. Their religion forbade them to use violence; therefore, they could not fight. 4. They believed in the equality of all men. 5. They believed that they were inspired by an "Inner Light" giving them the right to criticize preachers and leaders even to the point of interrupting them during their performance of duty.

These practices caused hostility wherever the Quakers settled even in the New World and as a result Penn believed that if the sect could acquire a more favorable location they might work out a liberal experiment in government. He persuaded Charles II to grant him two tracts of land. The one which is now Pennsylvania and the one which later became known as Delaware.

His settlement in the Pennsylvania territory prospered from the first. The broad religious tolerance and a large amount of self-government attracted many settlers. In 1700, less than twenty years after its founding, Penn's colony stood third in size, and sixty years later Philadelphia was the largest and richest city in the Colonies.

Penn became a convert to the Society of Friends when he was twenty-four years old and was imprisoned several times, under the Conventicle Act, for preaching their doctrines. During an imprisonment imposed for writing, "The Sandy Foundation Shaken" 1668, he wrote his best known work, "No Cross, No Crown."

Jugoslav Exhibition Sparks World Amity

The 3rd Jugoslav Philatelic Exhibition, to be known as JUFIZ III, will be held at Zagreb from May 20 to 27, 1956.

It is being organized by the Federation of the Jugoslav Philatelic Societies in close cooperation with the General Direction of PTT and is under the patronage of the President of the Republic Marshal Tito.

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Payne's Philatelic Bulletin #5 is free for the asking from Norbert W. Payne, P. O. Box 227, Orchard Park, N. Y. It has four pages of sets and single items, foreign and United States. Also a fine listing of packets at 10c each and a want list form. The list is illustrated making it possible to buy material without having to use the stamp catalogs.

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Gandey Company, Shore Acres, N. J. have several price lists of interest to the collector of foreign stamps. The firm has rather extensive stocks of Netherlands & Colonies, Luxembourg, Switzerland and Scandinavia. Also handled are British Colonies, Latin America, topical collections, and packets and lots from Europe.

Martin Bostrom, Hertig Karl-salle, 59B, Orebro, Sweden is offering two FDC's of the forthcoming issues of Finland to introduce his cover service for the Scandinavian nations. For the 50th Anniversary of Lahti the cost is 30c; for the Red Cross semipostals, 40c. Payment can be made in dollar bills (no coins), or mint U. S. commems for single covers.

Jacob Habib, 154 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. has a list of philatelic reference books which he will send to requests for it. He now has a number of the 1956 editions of the leading foreign catalogues in stock, such as the Gibbons, Michel, Yvert, Mosden, Pims, Facit, Prinert, Berck, Hevia, Ceres. There are special prices for clearance books.

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A just issued six-page philatelic price list of the stamps of Israel is available from the Israel Philatelic Center, 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. for a self-addressed, large-size, stamped envelope. Offerings include singles, complete sets, tete beche, se tenant, booklets, stationery, maximum cards, covers, special events and mandates.

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Berlin disguises its issues

Latest move from the West Berlin front is that the Senate has accepted a compromise solution to the vexed question of what inscription their stamps are to carry. Latest reports are to the effect that they have agreed to the inscription "Deutsche Bundespost" (as on Federal German stamps) with the word "Berlin" on the margin of the sheets. At least, that is how I read it.

The original German word is "Randleiste", which means sheet margin. But it may also be obscurely construed to mean the margin of the actual stamps, though this seems to me to be an almost impossible interpretation.

Be that as it may, and by my interpretation correct, it will mean that once West Berlin stamps are divorced from their sheet margins (which means on every letter) it will no longer be possible to recognize them as being the specific issues of West Berlin. They will be merged with the general run of West German issues to the eye of the casual recipient.

The only possible way of identifying West Berlin stamps as such will be to collect them with sheet margin attached, unless the artist has succeeded in working, somewhere unobtrusively into the design, the word "Berlin". This is mostly likely to be found in relation to the commemorative inscription, such as "25th anniversary of the Berlin Bishopric", "Stamp Dealers' Day in Berlin" and the likes. Keep a sharp lookout, and pray that the catalog editors do not slip up.

Durer painting on new Saar stamps

Continuing its tradition of depicting old master paintings on its annual Christmas "Volkshilfe" series, the Saar post office has selected three paintings by the German master Albrecht Durer for the 1955 issue. All are well-known; they show "Portrait of the Painter's Mother", "Praying Hands", and "Portrait of an Old Man from Antwerp".

I take it is a political indication of the resurgent pan-German nationalist movement in the Saar that a German painter has been selected for exclusive showing this year. There have of course been German painters on Saar stamps. But it appears significant that the announcement should be almost contemporary with the re-appearance of the pro-German parties in Saar politics, and the re-emergence of leaders renowned for their work in the "re-union" of 1935.

High values barred from postal stationery

One or two years ago, when the "Cypher and Posthorn" set was still current, somebody in Germany requisitioned privately-printed postal stationery with the 30pf and 15pf impressed to make a 45pf rate, and consequently a specially adapted, drawing for typographic reproduction had to be prepared to satisfy the demand for this particular value.

Evidently the authorities are not going to be drawn into this difficulty again, for they have issued a regulation to the effect that stamps of a value above 25pf (the highest normal typographed adhesive) may not be impressed on postal stationery. If higher rates are required, they must be made up with a combination of lower values at an appropriately increased print charge for each.

Normally, of course, the demand for postal stationery impressed with stamps is not very large, being confined to a few business or-

ganizations who prefer the method to installing postal meters, and to philatelic organizations, which might like to play around with pretty postcards.

But all normal rates up to the inland letter mail are covered, and as it is necessary to order a minimum of 1000 copies of each type if printed stationery, the chance of groups locking-up relatively large sums in postal stationery of high value (with the constant threat of demonetization, of which the Germans are very fond) is slight indeed.

"Postal Cabinet" opened in Berlin

Before the recent world war, the Reichspostmuseum in Berlin was one of the foremost and best organized institutions of its kind. It got badly bombed in the fighting for the capital, its collection was removed to the west and is still in vaults in Frankfurt awaiting a new home, and the premises are a mere ruin. In any event, they are in the "Democratic" sector, which does not suit the West Berlin post office at all.

To remedy this defect and to foster knowledge of the local postal history and stamp issues, it was recently decided to open a "postal cabinet" (Poststube) in the Lietzenburger Strasse, West Berlin. It will be officially declared open during this coming autumn, and owes its existence largely to the devoted work of Departmental President Krueger, who has done more than almost anyone else to foster Berlin postal history since the war.

Old uniforms and equipment, and indeed old stamps and new, postal history documents salvaged from the archives, and much like material are to be assembled in unassuming quarters, which will however provide a focus for West Berlin collectors, long lacking an efficient locale.

The provision of a lecture hall to seat 70 persons will make sure that the average philatelic society will be comfortably accommodated, and an additional attraction will be a series of small exhibitions dealing with various aspects of the postal service. Of these the first is to be entitled "Post and Techniques", and shows the influence of modern industrial methods on the working of the chief carrier of communications.

Opera and Theater stamps well received

A kind reception has been accorded to the new Austrian stamps for the reopening of the State Opera and Burgtheater. In spite of the sum of 5000S asked for seats to the opening performances, the institutions will not lose their popularity, and the attractive format, design and execution of these commemoratives without surcharge will do much to popularize their revived existence.

In this connection it is interesting to hear from Dr. Kammer, the official looking after stamp design and production for the Austrian post office, that it is not contemplated to issue a new set of definitives to replace the current "Costumes" series. These attractive stamps are proving most popular, and in spite of agitation to produce a completely new set marking the final "liberation" of Austria from the occupying powers, the authorities see no reason to act.

As Dr. Kammer justly remarks, "It takes a long time to design, print and issue definitive stamps, and by the time this has been accomplished, the actual reason, the liberation, will have been accepted as a natural thing, and will have faded from the public eye."

Thus the Costumes will be with us for some while yet, and a very fine set they have remained. Future Austrian issues schedules are a single semipostal for "Day of the Postage Stamp", and an uncharged commemorative honoring the 10th anniversary of the United Nations.

Three new Michel Catalogs

As yet the advance copy of the 1956 Michel catalog has not reached me, though I shall be happy to give readers a full report as soon as it does. In the meanwhile, the Schwaneberger Album publishers (owners of the Michel Catalog publishing house) announce that the beginning of September sees the

U. S. 1950 Issues

	Plate	Block	Unused	Used
987 3c Bankers	20	18	.05	.03
988 3c Gompers	20	18	.05	.02
989 3c Freedom	20	18	.05	.02
990 3c White House	20	18	.05	.02
991 3c Court	20	18	.05	.02
992 3c Capitol	20	18	.05	.02
993 3c Railroad	20	18	.05	.02
994 3c Kansas City	20	18	.05	.02
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Additionally, the Overseas part of Michel — in two volumes totalling 1800 pages, will be reissued in the first new edition since 1951. Volume I (A-K) is due late in November; Volume II (L-Z) will be with us in February or March 1956. This will be the first time that these catalogues have appeared on the revised Deutsche Mark basis, although I suspect that few collectors in the United States — having a Scott catalog at hand — will bother about this continental importation.

Too many errors

One undesirable effect of the greatly increased new issue activity in the Federal Republic has been the emergence of a few errors, which are due mainly to faulty control and bad checking. Thus I note that the 20pf Luftansa issue has appeared imperf, both normal and reverse watermarks being known. As these sheets are printed in two panes of 50, tete-beche, and then cut apart, it appears that both halves of the same sheets have been located.

A second error is the discovery of the "Baden-Wuerttemberg" exhibition stamp without figure of value. These stamps differ from each other, only in the color of the cypher, and if it were not that the sheet was discovered in an unopened wallet of 10pf sheets, it would have been impossible to determine for which denomination it was intended. As it is, it can be put down as being a 10pf value, cypher omitted.

Then there was a recent discovery of the 50pf Heuss definitive, also imperf, as well as a sheet of the 4pf denomination in this state. Perhaps after all it might be better if a supply of these imperfs were placed on sale (on the Hungarian model) so that all comers would be satisfied!

Correspondence, please

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363	.01	388	.08	B62	.15
365	.03	389	.09	B63-7	.35
366	.03	390	.11	B68	.07
367	.05	391	.12	B69-6	2.35
368	.05	392	.13	B69	.04
369	.07	393	.18	B70	.07
370	.08	394	.20	B71	.14
371	.15	395	.35	B72	.18
372	.30	396	.80	B73	.18
373	.45	398	2.70	B74	.35
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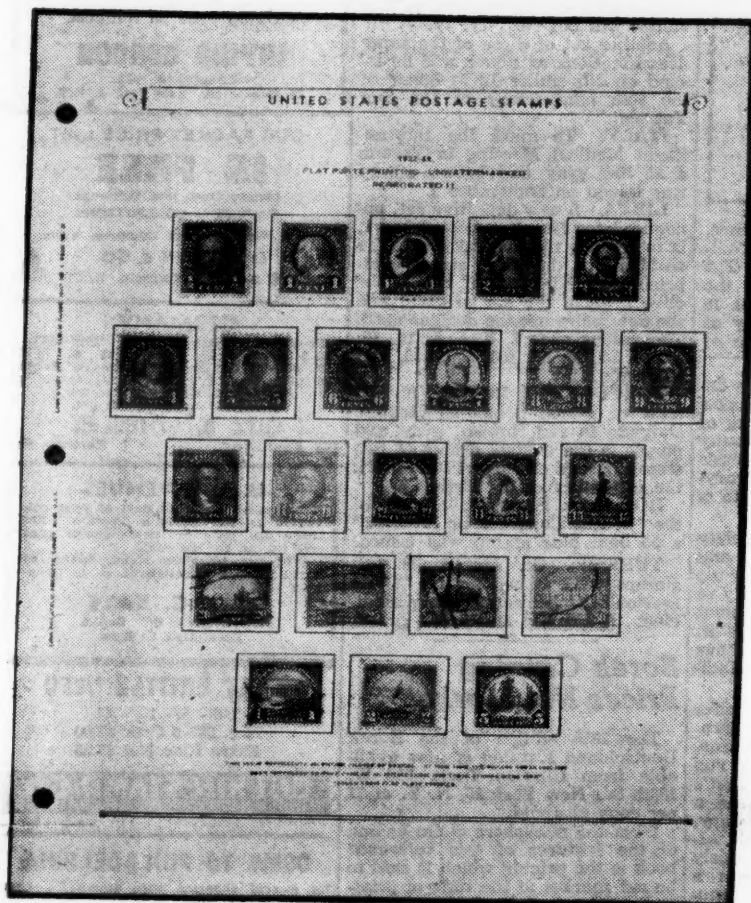
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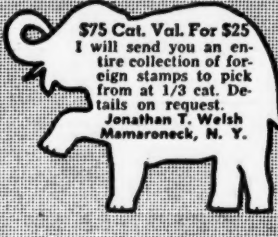
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